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Ms. Walsh, Ms. Perkins, and Ms. Sparks,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed your requests to cease all activities at the Georgia-Pacific Corporation's former Mill Site located in Fort Bragg, Mendocino County. While we understand your concerns, DTSC does not believe that it is appropriate to cease all work at the site at this time. The start of the rainy season traditionally begins on October 15 of each year. Therefore, it is important to allow the implementation of steps necessary to winterize the Site to address potential contaminant transport and surface water erosion issues.

To that end, DTSC is coordinating with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and reviewing plans and proposals to remove potentially contaminated stockpiled material such as the stockpiled fly ash material and the stained concrete material. We hope to complete that analysis soon and will direct Georgia Pacific Corporation to ensure that this material is properly loaded and transported off-site.

My staff and I understand the community's concerns about the concrete taken offsite for reuse. The concrete in question was believed to be clean and Georgia Pacific returned this concrete to the facility on August 10, 2006. Additional analyses on the concrete material have been conducted and DTSC is currently awaiting the results. Based upon the sampling results, we will establish appropriate requirements for management of the concrete material. DTSC is also requiring that soil exposed through Georgia Pacific Corporation's concrete removal is adequately secured through the rainy season.

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If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Ryan Miya of my staff at (510) 540-3775.

Sincerely,

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